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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Richard Ian Christopherson et al.
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116 AND 1.121

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.